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In re PATENT & TRADEMARK APPLICATION OF

Bergmann et al.

Group Art Unit: 1644

Application Serial No. 09/381,032

Examiner: P. Huynh

Filed: December 17, 1999

Title: RECEPTOR BINDING ASSAYS FOR THE DETECTION OF TSH RECEPTOR AUTOANTIBODIES
AND REAGENTS AND REAGENT KIT FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH A RECEPTOR BINDING
ASSAY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2001. Entry and of the following amendments and remarks and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, between lines 5 and 6, please insert the following paragraph and headings:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a §371 national stage filing of PCT/EP99/00159, filed January 13, 1999.

Background of the Invention

1. **Field of the Invention --**

On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, please insert the following heading:

2. **Description of the Related Art--**

On page 11, between lines 22 and 23, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--